

**CHECK CASHING AND DEFERRED DEPOSIT  
LENDING AMENDMENTS**

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies provisions related to check cashing and deferred deposit lending.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ amend the definition provision;
- ▶ modifies requirements for registration under the Check Cashing and Deferred Deposit Lending Registration Act;
- ▶ grants rulemaking authority;
- ▶ addresses restrictions on extensions of deferred deposit loans;
- ▶ addresses examinations by the Department of Financial Institutions; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming amendments.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**7-23-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 73

**7-23-201**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 248

**7-23-401**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 248

**7-23-502**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 96

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **7-23-102** is amended to read:

**7-23-102. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Annual percentage rate" has the same meaning as in 15 U.S.C. Sec. 1606, as implemented by regulations issued under that section.

(2) "Business of cashing checks" means cashing a check for consideration.

(3) "Business of deferred deposit lending" means extending a deferred deposit loan.

(4) "Check" is as defined in Section 70A-3-104.

(5) "Check casher" means a person that engages in the business of cashing checks.

(6) "Deferred deposit lender" means a person that engages in the business of deferred deposit lending.

(7) "Deferred deposit loan" means a transaction where:

(a) a person:

(i) presents to a deferred deposit lender a check written on that person's account; or

(ii) provides written or electronic authorization to a deferred deposit lender to effect a debit from that person's account using an electronic payment; and

(b) the deferred deposit lender:

(i) provides the person described in Subsection (7)(a) an amount of money that is equal to the face value of the check or the amount of the debit less any fee or interest charged for the transaction; and

(ii) agrees not to cash the check or process the debit until a specific date.

(8) (a) "Electronic payment" means an electronic method by which a person:

(i) accepts a payment from another person; or

(ii) makes a payment to another person.

(b) "Electronic payment" includes a payment made through:

(i) an automated clearing house transaction;

(ii) an electronic check;

(iii) a stored value card; or

(iv) an Internet transfer.

(9) "Nationwide database" means the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry, authorized under federal licensing requirements for mortgage loan originators.

(10) (a) "Refinance" means a new deferred deposit loan transaction whose proceeds are meant to satisfy the term or amount owed on an existing deferred deposit loan.

(b) "Refinance" does not mean:

(i) an extended payment plan under Section 7-23-403; or

(ii) a rollover.

[(10)] (11) "Rollover" means the extension or renewal of the term of a deferred deposit loan.

Section 2. Section **7-23-201** is amended to read:

**7-23-201. Registration -- Rulemaking.**

(1) (a) It is unlawful for a person to engage in the business of cashing checks or the business of deferred deposit lending in Utah or with a Utah resident unless the person:

(i) registers with the department in accordance with this chapter; and

(ii) maintains a valid registration.

(b) It is unlawful for a person to operate a mobile facility in this state to engage in the business of:

(i) cashing checks; or

(ii) deferred deposit lending.

(2) (a) A registration and a renewal of a registration expires on December 31 of each year unless on or before that date the person renews the registration.

(b) To register under this section, a person shall:

(i) pay an original registration fee established under Subsection 7-1-401(8);

(ii) submit a registration statement containing the information described in Subsection (2)(d);

(iii) submit evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the person is authorized to conduct business in this state as a domestic or foreign entity pursuant to filings with the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code under Title 16, Corporations, or Title 48, Unincorporated Business Entity Act; and

(iv) if the person engages in the business of deferred deposit lending, submit evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the person is registered with the nationwide database.

(c) To renew a registration under this section, a person shall:

(i) pay the annual fee established under Subsection 7-1-401(5);

(ii) submit a renewal statement containing the information described in Subsection (2)(d);

(iii) submit evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the person is authorized to conduct business in this state as a domestic or foreign entity pursuant to filings with the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code under Title 16, Corporations, or Title 48, Unincorporated Business Entity Act;

(iv) if the person engages in the business of deferred deposit lending, submit evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the person is registered with the nationwide database; and

(v) if the person engages in the business of deferred deposit lending, submit an operations statement containing the information described in Subsection (2)(e).

(d) A registration or renewal statement shall state:

(i) the name of the person;

(ii) the name in which the business will be transacted if different from that required in Subsection (2)(d)(i);

(iii) the address of the person's principal business office, which may be outside this state;

(iv) the addresses of all offices in this state at which the person conducts the business of:

(A) cashing checks; or

(B) deferred deposit lending;

(v) if the person conducts the business of cashing checks or the business of deferred deposit lending in this state but does not maintain an office in this state, provide a brief description of the manner in which the business is conducted;

(vi) the name and address in this state of a designated agent upon whom service of process may be made;

(vii) ~~[disclosure of an injunction, judgment, administrative order, or]~~ whether there is a conviction of a crime;

(A) involving [moral turpitude] an act of fraud, dishonesty, breach of trust, or money laundering; and

(B) with respect to that person [or], an officer, director, manager, operator, or principal of that person, or an employee of that person engaged in the business described in this chapter;  
and

(viii) any other information required by the rules of the department.

- 125 (e) An operations statement required for a deferred deposit lender to renew a  
126 registration shall state for the immediately preceding calendar year:
- 127 (i) the average principal amount of the deferred deposit loans extended by the deferred  
128 deposit lender;
- 129 (ii) for deferred deposit loans paid in full, the average number of days a deferred  
130 deposit loan is outstanding for the duration of time that interest is charged;
- 131 (iii) the minimum and maximum dollar amount of interest and fees charged by the  
132 deferred deposit lender for a deferred deposit loan of \$100 with a loan term of seven days;
- 133 (iv) the total number of deferred deposit loans rescinded by the deferred deposit lender  
134 at the request of the customer pursuant to Subsection 7-23-401(3)(b);
- 135 (v) of the persons to whom the deferred deposit lender extended a deferred deposit  
136 loan, the percentage that entered into an extended payment plan under Section 7-23-403;
- 137 (vi) the total dollar amount of deferred deposit loans rescinded by the deferred deposit  
138 lender at the request of the customer pursuant to Subsection 7-23-401(3)(b);
- 139 (vii) the average annual percentage rate charged on deferred deposit loans;
- 140 (viii) the average dollar amount of extended payment plans entered into under Section  
141 7-23-403 by the deferred deposit lender;
- 142 (ix) the number of deferred deposit loans carried to the maximum 10 weeks;
- 143 (x) the total dollar amount of deferred deposit loans carried to the maximum 10 weeks;
- 144 (xi) the number of deferred deposit loans not paid in full at the end of 10 weeks;
- 145 (xii) the total dollar amount of deferred deposit loans not paid in full at the end of 10  
146 weeks;
- 147 (xiii) the percentage of deferred deposit loans against which the deferred deposit lender  
148 initiates civil action to collect on the deferred deposit loan; and
- 149 (xiv) for the civil actions described in Subsection (2)(e)(xiii), the percentage of those  
150 civil actions whose deferred deposit loans have the following payment history:
- 151 (A) no payments;
- 152 (B) one payment;
- 153 (C) two payments;
- 154 (D) three payments;
- 155 (E) four payments;

156 (F) five payments;

157 (G) six payments;

158 (H) seven payments;

159 (I) eight payments;

160 (J) nine payments; and

161 (K) 10 or more payments.

162 (f) The commissioner may by rule, made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3,  
163 Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, provide for the transition of persons registering with the  
164 nationwide database.

165 (3) Information provided by a deferred deposit lender under Subsection (2)(e) is:

166 (a) confidential in accordance with Section 7-1-802; and

167 (b) not subject to Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management  
168 Act.

169 (4) (a) The commissioner may impose an administrative fine determined under  
170 Subsection (4)(b) on a person if:

171 (i) the person is required to be registered under this chapter;

172 (ii) the person fails to register or renew a registration in accordance with this chapter;

173 (iii) the department notifies the person that the person is in violation of this chapter for  
174 failure to be registered; and

175 (iv) the person fails to register within 30 days after the day on which the person  
176 receives the notice described in Subsection (4)(a)(iii).

177 (b) Subject to Subsection (4)(c), the administrative fine imposed under this section is:

178 (i) \$500 if the person:

179 (A) has no office in this state at which the person conducts the business of:

180 (I) cashing checks; or

181 (II) deferred deposit lending; or

182 (B) has one office in this state at which the person conducts the business of:

183 (I) cashing checks; or

184 (II) deferred deposit lending; or

185 (ii) if the person has two or more offices in this state at which the person conducts the  
186 business of cashing checks or the business of deferred deposit lending, \$500 for each office at

187 which the person conducts the business of:

188 (A) cashing checks; or

189 (B) deferred deposit lending.

190 (c) The commissioner may reduce or waive a fine imposed under this Subsection (4) if  
191 the person shows good cause.

192 (5) If the information in a registration, renewal, or operations statement required under  
193 Subsection (2) becomes inaccurate after filing, a person is not required to notify the department  
194 until:

195 (a) that person is required to renew the registration; or

196 (b) the department specifically requests earlier notification.

197 (6) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the  
198 department may make rules consistent with this section providing for:

199 (a) the form, content, and filing of a registration and renewal statement described in  
200 Subsection (2)(d); and

201 (b) the form and filing of an operations statement described in Subsection (2)(e).

202 (7) A deferred deposit loan that is made by a person who is required to be registered  
203 under this chapter but who is not registered is void, and the person may not collect, receive, or  
204 retain any principal or other interest or fees in connection with the deferred deposit loan.

205 (8) (a) At the time a person registers under this section, the person shall disclose a  
206 conviction of a crime described in Subsection (2)(d)(vii) that is:

207 (i) known to the person; or

208 (ii) included in:

209 (A) a Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification report; or

210 (B) a background check acceptable to the department that provides information similar  
211 to a Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification report.

212 (b) To comply with Subsection (8)(a), a person registered under this chapter shall, for  
213 each individual described in Subsection (2)(d)(vii):

214 (i) obtain a Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification report; or

215 (ii) conduct a background check acceptable to the commission that provides  
216 information similar to a Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification report.

217 (c) A person registered under this section shall keep a record of the information

described in Subsection (8)(b) for the time period required by the department by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

Section 3. Section **7-23-401** is amended to read:

**7-23-401. Operational requirements for deferred deposit loans.**

(1) If a deferred deposit lender extends a deferred deposit loan, the deferred deposit lender shall:

(a) post in a conspicuous location on its premises that can be viewed by a person seeking a deferred deposit loan:

(i) a complete schedule of any interest or fees charged for a deferred deposit loan that states the interest and fees using dollar amounts;

(ii) a number the person can call to make a complaint to the department regarding the deferred deposit loan; and

(iii) a list of states where the deferred deposit lender is registered or authorized to offer deferred deposit loans through the Internet or other electronic means;

(b) enter into a written contract for the deferred deposit loan;

(c) conspicuously disclose in the written contract:

(i) that under Subsection (3)(a), a person receiving a deferred deposit loan may make a partial payment in increments of at least \$5 on the principal owed on the deferred deposit loan without incurring additional charges above the charges provided in the written contract;

(ii) that under Subsection (3)(b), a person receiving a deferred deposit loan may rescind the deferred deposit loan on or before 5 p.m. of the next business day without incurring any charges;

(iii) that under Subsection (4)(b), the deferred deposit loan may not be rolled over without the person receiving the deferred deposit loan requesting the rollover of the deferred deposit loan;

(iv) that under Subsection (4)(c), the deferred deposit loan may not be rolled over if the rollover requires the person to pay the amount owed by the person under the deferred deposit loan in whole or in part more than 10 weeks after the day on which the deferred deposit loan is executed; and

(v) (A) the name and address of a designated agent required to be provided the department under Subsection 7-23-201(2)(d)(vi); and



(B) a statement that service of process may be made to the designated agent;

(d) provide the person seeking the deferred deposit loan:

(i) a copy of the written contract described in Subsection (1)(c); and

(ii) written notice that the person seeking the deferred deposit loan is eligible to enter into an extended payment plan described in Section 7-23-403;

(e) orally review with the person seeking the deferred deposit loan the terms of the deferred deposit loan including:

(i) the amount of any interest rate or fee;

(ii) the date on which the full amount of the deferred deposit loan is due;

(iii) that under Subsection (3)(a), a person receiving a deferred deposit loan may make a partial payment in increments of at least \$5 on the principal owed on the deferred deposit loan without incurring additional charges above the charges provided in the written contract;

(iv) that under Subsection (3)(b), a person receiving a deferred deposit loan may rescind the deferred deposit loan on or before 5 p.m. of the next business day without incurring any charges;

(v) that under Subsection (4)(b), the deferred deposit loan may not be rolled over without the person receiving the deferred deposit loan requesting the rollover of the deferred deposit loan; and

(vi) that under Subsection (4)(c), the deferred deposit loan may not be rolled over if the rollover requires the person to pay the amount owed by the person under the deferred deposit loan in whole or in part more than 10 weeks after the day on which the deferred deposit loan is executed;

(f) comply with the following as in effect on the date the deferred deposit loan is extended:

(i) Truth in Lending Act, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 1601 et seq., and its implementing federal regulations;

(ii) Equal Credit Opportunity Act, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 1691, and its implementing federal regulations;

(iii) Bank Secrecy Act, 12 U.S.C. Sec. 1829b, 12 U.S.C. Sec. 1951 through 1959, and 31 U.S.C. Sec. 5311 through 5332, and its implementing regulations; and

(iv) Title 70C, Utah Consumer Credit Code;

(g) in accordance with Subsection (6), make an inquiry to determine whether a person attempting to receive a deferred deposit loan has the ability to repay the deferred deposit loan in the ordinary course, which may include rollovers or extended payment plans as allowed under this chapter;

(h) in accordance with Subsection (7), receive a signed acknowledgment from a person attempting to receive a deferred deposit loan that the person has the ability to repay the deferred deposit loan, which may include rollovers or extended payment plans as allowed by this chapter; and

(i) report the original loan amount, payment in full, or default of a deferred deposit loan to a consumer reporting agency, as defined in 15 U.S.C. Sec. 1681a, in accordance with procedures established by the consumer reporting agency.

(2) If a deferred deposit lender extends a deferred deposit loan through the Internet or other electronic means, the deferred deposit lender shall provide the information described in Subsection (1)(a) to the person receiving the deferred deposit loan:

(a) in a conspicuous manner; and

(b) prior to the person entering into the deferred deposit loan.

(3) A deferred deposit lender that engages in a deferred deposit loan shall permit a person receiving a deferred deposit loan to:

(a) make partial payments in increments of at least \$5 on the principal owed on the deferred deposit loan at any time prior to maturity without incurring additional charges above the charges provided in the written contract; and

(b) rescind the deferred deposit loan without incurring any charges by returning the deferred deposit loan amount to the deferred deposit lender on or before 5 p.m. the next business day following the deferred deposit loan transaction.

(4) A deferred deposit lender that engages in a deferred deposit loan may not:

(a) collect additional interest on a deferred deposit loan with an outstanding principal balance 10 weeks after the day on which the deferred deposit loan is executed;

(b) roll over a deferred deposit loan without the person receiving the deferred deposit loan requesting the rollover of the deferred deposit loan;

(c) roll over a deferred deposit loan if the rollover requires a person to pay the amount owed by the person under a deferred deposit loan in whole or in part more than 10 weeks from

the day on which the deferred deposit loan is first executed;

(d) extend a new deferred deposit loan to a person on the same business day that the person makes a payment on another deferred deposit loan if the payment:

~~[(i) is made at least 10 weeks after the day on which that deferred deposit loan is extended; and]~~

~~[(ii)] (i)~~ results in the principal of that deferred deposit loan being paid in full; and

(ii) the combined terms of the original deferred deposit loan and the new deferred deposit loan total more than 10 weeks of consecutive interest;

(e) avoid the limitations of Subsections (4)(a) and (4)(c) by extending a new deferred deposit loan whose proceeds are used to satisfy or refinance any portion of an existing deferred deposit loan.

~~[(f)] (f)~~ threaten to use or use the criminal process in any state to collect on the deferred deposit loan;

~~[(f)] (g)~~ in connection with the collection of money owed on a deferred deposit loan, communicate with a person who owes money on a deferred deposit loan at the person's place of employment if the person or the person's employer communicates, orally or in writing, to the deferred deposit lender that the person's employer prohibits the person from receiving these communications; or

~~[(g)] (h)~~ modify by contract the venue provisions in Title 78B, Chapter 3, Actions and Venue.

(5) Notwithstanding Subsections (4)(a) and ~~[(f)] (f)~~, a deferred deposit lender that is the holder of a check used to obtain a deferred deposit loan that is dishonored may use the remedies and notice procedures provided in Chapter 15, Dishonored Instruments, except that the issuer, as defined in Section 7-15-1, of the check may not be:

(a) asked by the holder to pay the amount described in Subsection 7-15-1(6)(a)(iii) as a condition of the holder not filing a civil action; or

(b) held liable for the damages described in Subsection 7-15-1(7)(b)(vi).

(6) (a) The inquiry required by Subsection (1)(g) applies solely to the initial period of a deferred deposit loan transaction with a person and does not apply to any rollover or extended payment plan of a deferred deposit loan.

(b) Subject to Subsection (6)(c), a deferred deposit lender is in compliance with

Subsection (1)(g) if the deferred deposit lender, at the time of the initial period of the deferred deposit loan transaction[;]:

(i) obtains one of the following regarding the person seeking the deferred deposit loan:

~~(i)~~ (A) a consumer report, as defined in 15 U.S.C. Sec. 1681a, from a consumer reporting agency, as defined in 15 U.S.C. Sec. 1681a; or

~~(ii)~~ (B) written proof or verification of income from the person seeking the deferred deposit loan; or

~~(iii)~~ (ii) relies on the prior repayment history with the deferred deposit ~~loan~~ lender from the records of the deferred deposit lender.

(c) If a person seeking a deferred deposit loan has not previously received a deferred deposit loan from that deferred deposit lender, to be in compliance with Subsection (1)(g), the deferred deposit lender, at the time of the initial period of the deferred deposit loan transaction, shall obtain a consumer report, as defined in 15 U.S.C. Sec. 1681a, from a consumer reporting agency, as defined in 15 U.S.C. Sec. 1681a.

(7) A deferred deposit lender is in compliance with Subsection (1)(h) if the deferred deposit lender obtains from the person seeking the deferred deposit loan a signed acknowledgment that is in 14-point bold font, that the person seeking the deferred deposit loan has:

(a) reviewed the payment terms of the deferred deposit loan agreement;

(b) received a disclosure that a deferred deposit loan may not be rolled over if the rollover requires the person to pay the amount owed by the person under the deferred deposit loan in whole or in part more than 10 weeks after the day on which the deferred deposit loan is first executed;

(c) received a disclosure explaining the extended payment plan options; and

(d) acknowledged the ability to repay the deferred deposit loan in the ordinary course, which may include rollovers, or extended payment plans as allowed under this chapter.

(8) (a) Before initiating a civil action against a person who owes money on a deferred deposit loan, a deferred deposit lender shall provide the person at least 10 days notice of default, describing that:

(i) the person must remedy the default; and

(ii) the deferred deposit lender may initiate a civil action against the person if the

person fails to cure the default within the 10-day period or through an extended payment plan meeting the requirements of Section 7-23-403.

(b) A deferred deposit lender may provide the notice required under this Subsection (8):

(i) by sending written notice to the address provided by the person to the deferred deposit lender;

(ii) by sending an electronic transmission to a person if electronic contact information is provided to the deferred deposit lender; or

(iii) pursuant to the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure.

(c) A notice under this Subsection (8), in addition to complying with Subsection (8)(a), shall:

(i) be in English, if the initial transaction is conducted in English;

(ii) state the date by which the person must act to enter into an extended payment plan;

(iii) explain the procedures the person must follow to enter into an extended payment plan;

(iv) subject to Subsection 7-23-403(7), if the deferred deposit lender requires the person to make an initial payment to enter into an extended payment plan:

(A) explain the requirement; and

(B) state the amount of the initial payment and the date the initial payment shall be made;

(v) state that the person has the opportunity to enter into an extended payment plan for a time period meeting the requirements of Subsection 7-23-403(2)(b); and

(vi) include the following amounts:

(A) the remaining balance on the original deferred deposit loan;

(B) the total payments made on the deferred deposit loan;

(C) any charges added to the deferred deposit loan amount allowed pursuant to this chapter; and

(D) the total amount due if the person enters into an extended payment plan.

Section 4. Section 7-23-502 is amended to read:

**7-23-502. Examination of books, accounts, and records by the department.**

(1) At least annually the department shall, for each [premise] person registered under

404 this chapter and engaging in the business of cashing checks or the business of deferred deposit  
405 lending:  
406       (a) examine the books, accounts, and records; and  
407       (b) make investigations to determine compliance with this chapter.  
408       (2) In accordance with Section 7-1-401, a person examined under Subsection (1) shall  
409 pay a fee for the examination conducted under Subsection (1).